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The applicants respectfully request the correction of error in the official Filing Receipt for the above-identified patent application. A clerical error has occurred in the title of the application. The correction needed is as follows:

Title

Alpha-glucosidase activity inhibitor

should read

Alpha-glucosidase activity inhibitors

Please note that the title of the subject application was amended by Preliminary Amendment filed April 28, 2006, copy attached. Also attached is a copy of the erroneous Filing Receipt marked-up to indicate the correction needed. Correction of the above is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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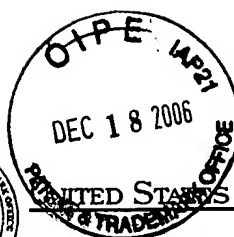
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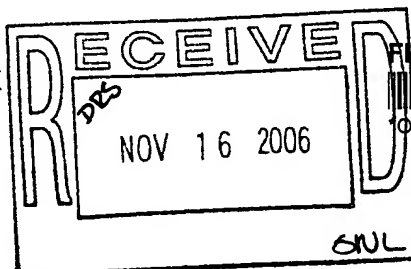


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

This application is a National Stage Application of International Application Number PCT/JP2004/016333. Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims following the specification amendments.

Remarks/Arguments follow the amendment sections of this paper.

In the Specification

Please amend the title of the International Patent Application to read as follows:

α -GLUCOSIDASE ACTIVITY ~~INHIBITOR~~ INHIBITORS

Please add the following paragraph at page 1, above line 5 after the Title:

This application is a National Stage Application of International Application Number PCT/JP2004/016333, filed November 4, 2004; which claims priority to JP 2003-374837, filed November 4, 2003.

In the claims

The following amendments are made with respect to the claims in the international application PCT/JP2004/016333.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in this application.

1 (original). An α -glucosidase activity inhibitor comprising a *Nelumbonaceae* plant preparation.

2 (currently amended). A pharmaceutical composition for treating or preventing diabetes, wherein the composition comprises ~~the α -glucosidase inhibitor of claim 1~~ an α -glucosidase activity inhibitor comprising a *Nelumbonaceae* plant preparation.

3 (currently amended). A food composition for treating or preventing diabetes, wherein the composition comprises ~~the α -glucosidase activity inhibitor of claim 1~~ an α -glucosidase activity inhibitor comprising a *Nelumbonaceae* plant preparation.

Remarks

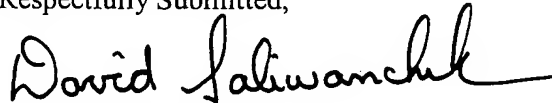
This application is a National Stage Application of International Application Number PCT/JP2004/016333. By this amendment, the title has been amended to correct the title of the PCT publication, which fails to accurately reflect the claimed invention. Also, the specification has been amended to include a "Cross-Reference Section." No new matter has been added by these amendments.

Claims 1-3 are pending in the subject international patent application. By this Amendment, claims 2 and 3 have been amended. No new matter has been added by these amendments. Accordingly, claims 1-3 are before the Examiner for consideration.

Please note that a complete translation of the subject application is also attached with this Preliminary Amendment.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR §§§1.16, 1.17, or 1.492 as required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 19-0065.

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